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SUBJECT:POSSIBLE LAUNCHING OF ARAB CAMPAIGN TO OUST ISRAEL
FROM UNGA AT ISLAMIC CONFERENCE
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REF: (A) STATE 150971 (NOTAL); B) ROME 9357 (NOTAL);
(C) PARIS 16553 (NOTAL); (D) BEIRUT 8212 (NOTAL);
(E) USUN 3212 (NOTAL)

1. BEIRUT REPORTS (REF D) THAT PLO POLITICAL DEPARTMENT
HEAD FAROUK QADDOUMI DECLARED IN DAILY STAR INTERVIEW,

JUNE 27, THAT DECISION ON CAMPAIGN TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM 30TH GA WOULD BE TAKEN AT MEETING WITHIN TWO WEEKS. MEETING MUST BE ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JIDDA JULY 12 TO 15, TO WHICH QADDOUMI APPARENTLY WILL GO AS ONE OF PLO REPRESENTATIVES.

2. ACCORDINGLY, US IS PREPARING TO MAKE DEMARCHES BEFORE ISAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE JULY 12 WITH SMALL NUMBER OF KEY ARAB GOVERNMENTS, I.E., IN CAIRO, DAMASCUS, JIDDA AND ALGIERS, AND IN AMMAN, URGING THEM TO OPPOSE SUSPENSION ISSUE AT JIDDA MEETINGS. FURTHER DEMARCHES TO NON-ARAB COUNTRIES WHO WILL ALSO BE ATTENDING MEETINGS, SUCH AS IRAN, PAKISTAN, INDONESIA, TURKEY, AND TUNISIA ARE ALSO BEING CONSIDERED. US POSITION IS THAT ANY ACTION IN JIDDA RECOMMENDING SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL FROM 30TH GA WOULD HAVE SNOWBALL EFFECT AND WOULD SET IN MOTION CHAIN OF EVENTS RE SUSPENSION WHICH WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO STOP AND OVER WHICH MORE MODERATE ARABS COULD EASILY LOSE CONTROL. FURTHER NEGOTIATION EFFORTS ON ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE WOULD BE MOST ADVERSELY AFFECTED IF NOT ENDED FORSEEABLE FUTURE BY ANY SUCH ACTION ON SUSPENSION. US GOAL IS TO PREVENT SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL FROM UNGA BOTH AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE AND AS A PRACTICAL MATTER AFFECTING NEGOTIATIONS AND BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL IS TO PREVENT SUSPENSION ISSUE BEING PRESENTED TO UNGA AS RESULT OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THIS AND SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS, SUCH AS LIMA MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED. WHILE NOT WISHING TO HIGHLIGHT POSSIBILITY OF A MOVE AGAINST ISRAEL BY EXCESSIVE ATTENTION, US DOES CONSIDER THE MATTER VERY SERIOUS AND INTENDS TO MAKE ITS VIEWS CLEARLY KNOWN, SEEKING SUPPORT FROM AS MANY COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE BUT PARTICULARLY WITH EC-9.

3. MAJOR POINTS WE WILL BE MAKING IN OUR DEMARCHES ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE OF USUN (REF E, PARA 2):
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A. TOTAL UNCONSTITUTIONALITY OF MOVE TO EXCLUDE ISRAEL FROM UNA

B. HIGHLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE NATURE OF SUCH ACTION FROM ARAB STANDPOINT SINCE ISRAEL MIGHT ARGUE IT WAS NO LONGER BOUND BY UN RESOLUTIONS, INCLUDING 242 AND 344 (ON GENEVA CONFERENCE); AND

C. CERTAINTY OF UNDERCUTTING ANY IN ISRAEL AND WESTERN NATIONS WHO ARE PREPARED TO WORK FROM PREMISE THAT LEADING ARAB GOVERNMENTS ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT ISRAEL AND MAKE PEACE.

4. US HOPES EC-9 WILL EXPEDITE FORMULATION OF SUBSTANTIVE POSITION ON ISSUE. CERTAINLY COLLECTIVE POSITION OF EC-9 WOULD HAVE MOST WEIGHT IN DISSUADING ARABS, BUT IF IT IS

NOT POSSIBLE FOR EC-9 TO REACH COMMON POSITION IN TIME,
INDIVIDUAL APPROACHES, COORDINATED WITH OTHERS, SHOULD BE
UNDERTAKEN.

5. FOR ROME: AMBASSADOR SHOULD CONVEY TO FOREIGN MINISTRY
AND TO PISANI US VIEWS AS SET FORTH IN PREVIOUS
PARAGRAPHS ON POSSIBILITY THAT MOVE RE ISRAELI SUSPENSION
MAY BE CONSIDERED AT JIDDA JULY 12 MEETING AND ASK
PISANI AS CHAIRMAN OF EXPERTS COMMITTEE ON UN AFFAIRS TO
URGE THAT EC-9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS CONSIDER AT THEIR JULY
7 MEETING OPPORTUNITY BEST WAY TO APPROACH KEY ARAB STATES

TO URGE THAT THEY AVOID SETTING IN MOTION ANY MOVE TO
SUSPEND OR EXCLUDE ISRAEL FROM UN BODIES OR CONFERENCES.

5. FOR LONDON: UK COUNSELOR SAMUEL CALLED ON BAKER (IO)
JULY 1 TO DISCUSS FURTHER EC-9 CONSULTATIONS RE SUSPENSION
ISSUE AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON MATTER. HE SAID HE WOULD
REPORT TO LONDON US DESIRE FOR PROMPT EC-9 ACTION ON
MATTER BEFORE JIDDA MEETING. AMBASSADOR SHOULD CONVEY TO
FONOFF OUR APPRECIATION FOR CONTINUING CLOSE CONSULTA-
TIONS WITH THEM ON THIS ISSUE AND ASK BRITISH TO EXERT
LEADERSHIP IN EC-9 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON FORMULATING
COLLECTIVE POSITION BY EC-9 ON UNGA SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL
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AND COMMUNICATING IT TO KEY ARAB GOVERNMENTS AS QUICKLY
AS POSSIBLE, SO THAT JIDDA MEETING WILL NOT SET IN MOTION
EVENTS EC-9 AND US HOPE TO AVOID.

6. FOR USUN: YOU SHOULD CONSULT WITH THOSE EC-9
AMBASSADORS YOU CONSIDER TO BE MOST INFLUENTIAL ON
SUSPENSION ISSUE SO THAT THEY WILL ENCOURAGE THEIR
GOVERNMENTS TO PUSH FOR COLLECTIVE EC-9 STANCE AND TAKE
INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVES ON THIS ISSUE BEFORE JULY 12 WITH
ARAB GOVERNMENTS - ESPECIALLY SYRIA, EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA,
AND ALGERIA - AND WITH SELECTED NON-ARAB MOSLEM STATES.
(WE ARE SEEKING PRECISE DATE ON SCOPE AND LEVEL OF
PARTICIPATION.) YOU SHOULD INFORM EC-9 AMBASSADORS THAT
WE ARE SEEKING EC-9 INVOLVEMENT THROUGH ROME, BUT TIME
AND SERIOUSNESS OF MATTER HAVE IMPELLED US TO CALL THEIR
ATTENTION TO THE MATTER ALSO. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE
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